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SUBJECT: IV RAFAEL POVEDA

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1. TO REPLACE IV CANDIDATE PABLO LARREA, POST NOMINATES ING. RAFAEL POVEDA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GRAIN PROGRAM IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. JUSTIFICATION: AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GRAIN PROGRAM, ING. POVEDA OCCUPIES AN IMPORTANT POSITION WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. CONSIDERING THAT, ING. POVEDA IS A YOUNG, AGGRESSIVE AND CAPABLE PROFESSIONAL, HE IS EXPECTED TO HOLD POSITIONS OF EVEN HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FUTURE.

2. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, IN GENERAL, HAVE TRADITIONALLY SHOWN A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF A WELL-COORDINATED AND FUNCTIONING AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE ECONOMICALLY, ECUADOR MUST DEVELOP ITS AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. EXPANDED GRAIN CROP PRODUCTION AND AN IMPROVED MARKETING SYSTEM WILL BE KEY FACTORS IN THIS EFFORT. THEREFORE, POST BELIEVES ING. POVEDA WILL DEFINITELY BENEFIT FROM AN IV TOUR WHICH WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO GRAIN PRODUCING AREAS, SELECTED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS, CEREAL LABS, GRAIN GRADING OFFICES AND EXPORT FACILITIES.

3. BIO-DATA: BORN IN GUARANDA, MARCH 16, 1936. ECUADOREAN. MALE. ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1188, QUITO, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECUADOR. MARRIED. SEVEN CHILDREN. EDUCATION: AGRICULTURAL

ENGINEERING STUDIES AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, QUITO, GRADUATED IN 1960; GRADUATE STUDIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR WHEAT AND CORN DEVELOPMENT, CIMMIT, MEXICO, 1972. PREVIOUS POSITIONS: AUDIT INSPECTOR, DEVELOPMENT BANK; PROMOTER-EXTENSIONIST, NATIONAL WHEAT COMMISSION; SUPERVISOR, NATIONAL GRAIN PROGRAM. BELONGS TO THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER'S ASSOCIATION. HAS PUBLISHED "APPLICATION OF IRRIGATION AND OTHER FACTORS IN WHEAT PRODUCTIVITY". HAS TRAVELED TO U.S., 1969, OBSERVATION TOUR; MEXICO, 1972-73, STUDIES. HAS SLIGHT KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH; AN INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED. ING. POVEDA CAN TRAVEL O/A MAY 15.

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